

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 80

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Mildred Cappiello-Johnson of Knoxville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Mildred Cappiello-Johnson; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Cappiello-Johnson was an exemplary individual and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life of her family and fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, a distinguished scholar, Mildred Cappiello-Johnson, at the age of 19, earned a college degree from Asheville Teacher's College, and began her Graduate studies at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; and

WHEREAS, after conscientiously teaching school for two years in North Carolina, she moved to Oak Ridge in 1945, and taught at Glenwood Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated teacher, Mildred Cappiello-Johnson was duly selected, in 1950, by the American Foreign Service to teach the children of American officers stationed in Frankfurt, Germany; and

WHEREAS, after returning to Oak Ridge, she married A.P. "Cappy" Cappiello Sr.; together they raised a loving family and were instrumental in the early commercial development of Oak Ridge; and

WHEREAS, they owned and operated several successful businesses, including T&C Cafeteria and the Mayflower Grill; and

WHEREAS, the Cappiello family resided in Knoxville, where Mrs. Cappiello-Johnson taught second grade at Bluegrass Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, after her husband's death in 1981, Mrs. Cappiello-Johnson served astutely as company president for the family's real estate and property business; and

WHEREAS, Mildred Cappiello-Johnson, an outstanding business leader, was instrumental in bringing Baskin-Robbins, Buddy's Bar-B-Q, Autozone, 84 Lumber Company, and other retail companies to the Oak Ridge area; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Cappiello-Johnson contributed generously to Roane State Community College, and for many years provided office space to the Oak Ridge Big Brothers, as well as assisting numerous other local non-profit organizations; and

WHEREAS, having a lifelong zest for adventure, Mrs. Cappiello-Johnson traveled extensively throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, she was an active and devout member of the First United Methodist Church of Oak Ridge; and

WHEREAS, Mildred Cappiello-Johnson was also deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, in 1986, Mrs. Cappiello-Johnson married Ben Johnson; the couple enjoyed traveling together and went on many memorable trips; and

WHEREAS, she will also be greatly missed by her loving children, A.P. "Tony" Cappiello, Jr. and Candace E. Cappiello, as well as her sister, Edna Janet Pace and brother, J. Mitchell Pace; and

WHEREAS, Mildred Cappiello-Johnson was preceded in death by her first husband, A.P. Cappiello, Sr.; her parents, John and Belle Pace; and her siblings, H.E. "Buddy" Pace, Feu Pace, Dolly Pace, and Beatrice Pace King; and

WHEREAS, she leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Mildred Cappiello-Johnson, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living her life with courage and conviction, and her many valuable contributions to the growth and prosperity of Oak Ridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mildred Cappiello-Johnson.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.